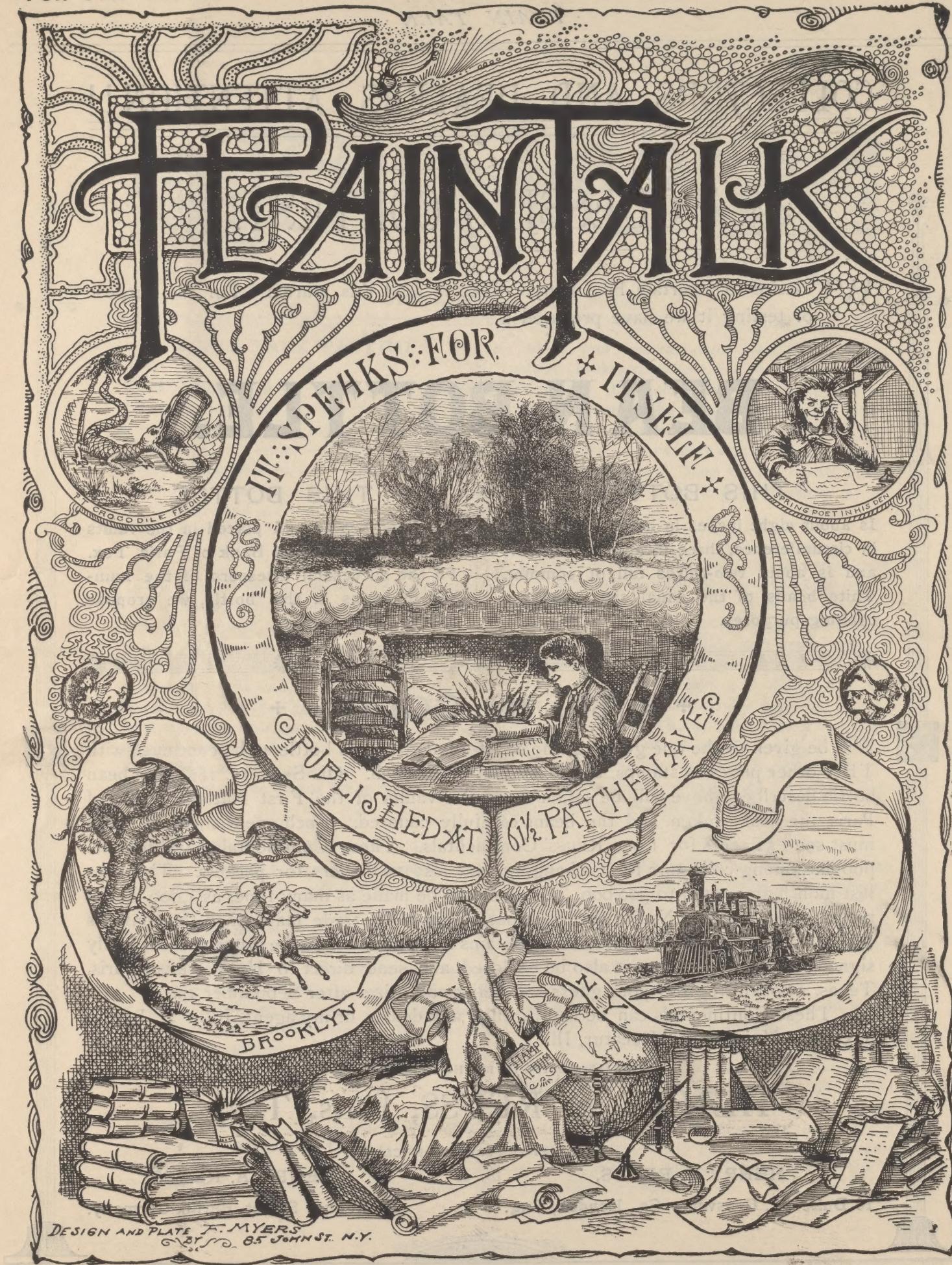


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COLLECTORS AND DEALERS, ATTENTION!!

A GUESSING CONTEST.

WE desire to ascertain how many Collectors read this journal. For the purpose of testing it we have prepared a

BEAN BOTTLE.

THIS BOTTLE

Is about eight inches in height, ten inches in circumference, three inches in diameter, and is about two-thirds full of common white beans, of the usual size used for cooking purposes.

THIS BOTTLE

Has been sealed and placed in the vaults of the First National Bank of Paris, Tex. To the successful guessers of the number of beans in this bottle, we propose giving eleven prizes.

♦ ♦ \$10 IN GOLD ♦ ♦

Will be given to the one guessing the exact number in this bottle, to be continued with TEN other prizes in stamps, to the amount of \$5 each. On Sept. 15, 1888, the bean bottle described above will be taken from the vaults of the First National Bank of Paris, the seal broken, and the beans carefully counted. Each one wishing to guess must send 52 cents for 1,000 REUSS' Continentals. These Continentals have become popular among collectors for exchanging, and also to dealers for packets. The sales last month amounted to 300,000. Guesses can be made as many times as 1,000 Continentals are bought. Notice that each packet bears my trade mark, then the contents will be as represented. Each packet contains a slip which must be properly and plainly signed; a 2-cent stamp must also be enclosed, and send direct to H. A. REUSS, Paris, Texas, who will register your guess and deliver all prizes after September 1st.

These Continentals can be had through any dealer, or my agent, JOHN S. BIXBY, 835 West Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

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PLAIN TALK PASTIMES.

BIRD, BEAST AND FISH.—A person stands in the middle of the circle and points his fingers at one of the party, saying, "Bird," and then counts "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven," etc. If the one pointed at cannot name a bird before ten is reached, or names a fish or beast instead of a bird, he stands up and the first one takes his seat. No one must give what has been before given.

FOX AND GEESE.—Stand in two open circles one behind the other, leaving one inside to play the "goose." Another outside to play the "fox." The "goose" may place herself in front of two others; the "fox" sees this and catches the outside one of the three. To prevent this that outside one becomes the "goose" and runs inside in front of another pair again making three: the outside one here must shift in front of another pair. The "fox" can only run outside of the circle, and the changing places is done inside the ring.

THE MINISTER'S CAT.—Draw your chairs in a sort af circle and let each person name an adjective beginning with the letter *A*, in this way: "The minister's cat is ambitious," says one. Amphibious, aesthetic, ancient, active, athletic, antarctic, say others, until everything beginning with that letter is thought of. Then the letter *B* is used. "The minister's cat is bumptious." Others say belligerent, bankrupt, benignant, beseeching, beautiful, etc. When you come to *C* the cat is cautious, courteous, contesting, confiding, cataleptic, contradicting, cruel, etc.

STAGE-COACH—One person is appointed to the position of Chief Narrator, and he names the different persons after parts of the stage-coach. One man is the "wheel," another the "hub," the

"whip," and thus the reins, horn, horses, steps, straps, old-lady-passenger, her band-box, etc., are given out. Then the Chief Narrator begins his tale, and whenever he names a wheel, hub, whip, etc., the one named after that part stands up and turns around and sits down again. When the word stage-coach is said all jump up and change seats, and the one left without any is obliged to go on with the story.

PANTOMIME.—One of the company must leave the room while the others select a word which she is to guess on her return. When she re-enters the room the others do not speak, but represent in pantomime some word which shall rhyme with the one selected; as, for instance, should the word chosen be *heat*, the first person goes through the motion to *eat*, the second carefully examines his *feet*, the third takes a stick and makes believe *beat*, while the third and fourth advance to *meet*, and so each one exercises his own ingenuity in finding and acting a rhyme with the chosen word, until it has been guessed, when the last actor must go out.

PIGEON FLIES.—This is a catch-game. The person who initiates it places his forefinger on the table and calls out "Pigeon flies," at the same time raising his finger in the air. He goes on with several other birds, as "Sparrow flies," "Bullfinch flies," "Crow flies," raising his finger each time, in which he is to be imitated by the rest. But here comes the cruelty of the thing: for when the whole company is in full swing of imitating him, he calls out "Crocodile flies," or "Elephant flies," and does not raise his finger in illustration of an assertion so manifestly contrary to the laws of nature. The other players, however, being unprepared, probably do as they have done before, and the consequence is that each one has to pay a forfeit. The game must be carried on with some rapidity, so as not to allow time for reflection.

PLAIN TALK.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERALOGY.

CONDUCTED BY FRANK MYERS.

GEM RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY GEO. F. KUNZ, OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

ESSONITE (*cinnamon garnet*).—Essonite has been found in very fine crystals at Phippsburg and Warren, New Hampshire; Raymond, Maine; and at many other points in America. Yet only occasionally crystals are found that will cut gems even of value to collectors.

Grossularite has recently been found in perfect, opaque crystals in Gila cañon, Arizona.

Tourmaline.—The principal source of tourmaline in the United States is the famous locality, Mount Mica, at Paris, Maine, which place has from time to time produced some of the handsomest achroites, rubellites, indicolites, and green tourmalines known. The tints of the green, blue, pink, and yellow tourmalines found here are usually of the light and most desirable shades. Work is now being carried on. The yield for 1882 was something over \$2,000, and the entire quantity of gems that have from time to time been taken from this locality at the higher rate asked for them as American gems would possibly amount to from \$50,000 to \$65,000.

Colored tourmalines have been found at Hebron, Norway, and Auburn, Maine. Extended work may bring as fine gems to light here as at Paris, Maine, as the indications are equally good at all these places.

Colorless and brown tourmalines, which cut into fair gems, have been found at De Kalb, New York. The fine black from Pierpont and the fine brown from Gouverneur, in the same State, have no value as gems.

Iolite.—Iolite has been found at Haddam, Connecticut, in pieces of a dark-blue color and sufficiently clear to cut small gems, but these were of local and mineralogical value only, owing to their small size.

Spodumene.—Spodumene has been found transparent at two localities in the United States, the variety hiddenite or "lithia emerald" at Stony Point, Alexander county, North Carolina, and a variety of amethystine color at Branchville, Connecticut.

Hiddenite, or "lithia emerald," is found associated with emerald, beryl, rutile, and garnet; the more valuable is the rich grass-green, and is rarely met with. Quite perfect gems of good color, weigh-

ing $2\frac{1}{2}$ karats, have been cut. The light-green, yellow, yellow-green, and colorless have a lower value. The green is a new and strictly American gem, and the demand exceeds the supply. This and the tourmaline are the only gems that are being actively mined at present. The total sale of gems found and sold from the beginning of operations in August, 1880, to the close of 1882, amounted to about \$7,500, the yield in 1882, during which only preparatory work was being done, being about \$2,000 worth of gems.

The Branchville spodumene would afford only very small gems of a light amethystine color. The alterations in color which have taken place have entirely changed it to what might almost be called a defunct gem, which would otherwise have afforded material for gems over one inch in thickness and several inches in length. The color before the alteration was probably much richer. The Branchville variety has only a mineralogical value.

Danburite.—Danburite has been found in considerable abundance at Russell, New York. Only an occasional crystal is clear enough to cut even a small gem. The color is usually wine-yellow, honey-yellow, or yellowish brown. It has not yet been used as a gem.

Rock crystal (quartz).—Rock crystal is found at a great many localities in America. In Herkimer county, at Lake George, and throughout the adjacent regions in New York State the calciferous sandstone contains single crystals, and at times cavities are found filled with doubly terminated crystals often of remarkable perfection and brilliancy; these are collected in numbers, cut, and often uncut are mounted in jewelry and sold to tourists under the name of "Lake George diamonds." Those sold in large cities under the same name are, however, often simply paste or glass, which possess more brilliancy but have not the same durability. Of the Herkimer crystals possibly \$3,000 worth are sold per annum. In Arkansas, at Crystal Mountain and in the region for about forty miles around Hot Springs, large veins of quartz are frequently met with. The quartz is taken to Hot Springs and Little Rock by the wagon load by the farmers, who often do blasting to secure the crystals, looking for them at such times as their crops need no attention. In the course of a year possibly 100 loads are sold, principally as mementos, to the visitors at these resorts. Crystals are also sent to other localities for sale. Usually only one-half of the crystal is clear, and a clear space over two inches square is quite uncommon. The sale of the uncut ones from this region amounts to fully \$10,000 per annum.

PLAIN TALK.

VIVID VERSES.

STIRRING TIMES.

SOON the politician
Will make his yearly trip
Around the ward with boodle,
To strengthen up his grip;
Call up all the heelers,
Whisper in their ears,
Fill them up with taffy
And imported beers.

Soon the solid voter,
Leaning on the bar,
Filled with "Jersey Lightning,"
And loaded with cigars,
Will tell the politician
He's solid as a brick;
He couldn't be defeated;
He'll be elected quick.

Soon the politician,
With heavy dyed moustache,
And reddish bloated countenance,
Will pay out all his cash
For ball and pic-nic tickets,
And various meeting rooms,
Transparencies and rockets,
And imaginary booms.

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SUMMER.

WHEN summer is nigh
The blue-bottle fly
Attacks us again in the day,
Then keeps out of sight,
While again in the night
The deadly mosquito holds sway.

When summer is near
We drop a stray tear
And wish we had laid by some cash,
Where down on the Beach
For two or three weeks
We could cut a magnificent dash.

When summer is here
The girl we call dear
Expect to be carted each day,
All through our vacation
To some Church Excursion,
Our cash dwindles slowly away.

When summer has come,
The professional bum,
Pedestrianizes out west,
To seek better times,
In much cooler climes,
And lay off all summer and rest.

When summer is gone,
The long coat in pawn,
The dude shivers day after day,
His light suit takes out
And puts up the spout,
His overcoat gets the next day.

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PLAININGS.

THE game of base-ball is played out.

"I BEAT my way," says the carpet cleaner.

IS A sky(e) terrier one of the heavenly bodies?

WHAT we would like to hear: A "PLAIN TALK."

TONY people should go to our Tony Pastor's to get married.

TO REDUCE the size of your gas bill: Trim it with the scissors.

WHY IS it that we have the day of rest after we have sat a day (Saturday).

"YOU are all mixed up," said a druggist to the contents of his mortar.

A MAN advertised the other day. "Wanted, a domestic, in a private family." The next day he was besieged by sewing machine agents.

PLAIN TALK FROM AN EDUCATED TRAMP.

"YES, my lad, should you ever be cast by some cruel fate upon the meagre resources of this mundane sphere, you would find the starvation act the most frequent act to perform in the business. The symptoms of starvation you will also find to be a spasmodic tickling in the throat, causing a short cough, attended with sharp pains in the region of the stomach.

"True hunger, my lad, is felt when the body or frame calls for more nutriment, and if you happen to be the lucky possessor of an eight-day cruller, why mastication, of course, would be the first necessary step toward supplying the stomach with the aforesaid nutriment. Next in order comes nature's most irregular work—digestion; but when the human stomach finds little or nothing to digest it must be content with cool country air. Any tra-tourist will corroborate this assertion. You see, my lad, the stomach is a sort of a hollow, flimsy I-must-have-meat sort of receptacle, resting just below the ribs, the size of which differs according to circumstances. If, by some strange manouvre, you have succeeded in securing a few coppers, the stomach will hold about two quarts; if it is your misfortune to be on bad terms with American specie, it will hold about two gallons—of cool air.

"The time required for the digestion of common articles of diet is as follows:

"Sponge cake, 2 hours.

"Tripe giblets, 2 hours and 18 minutes.

"Fossilized Liver, 2 hours and 30 minutes.

"Pump Water, 1 hour.

"Tacks, 2 days.

"You can readily perceive why tacks should claim priority. On a tack diet one's chances for standing hard luck are better. A square meal of No. 6½ galvanized carpet tacks will insure the weakest tra-troubadour a two days' trip before again having to contend with the demon hunger. Now, my lad, when endeavoring to collide with a sandwich, it is never advisable to ask for a ton of coal; go light, make it a brownstone front—the result will be the same in either case. When refused slight requests of this kind, go off quietly, don't jump on the playful kitten or choke the canary; you would run big chances of getting bagged ere the shades of evening had settled o'er the town."

BY WHAT other name may a hospital be called?
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PLAIN TALK.



DEPARTMENT EDITOR, CH. DORMIN,
Sec'y Stampadelphia M. Y. O. B. P. A.

"GOING to Boston in August?" If you're a member of the A. P. A. of course you are.

A STOCK company at Ottawa, Ill., will issue a 50 cent magazine to be called *The Stamp Collector*.

THE June *Curiosity World*, aside from the notes of its new Chicago correspondents, contains hardly a line of interesting matter.

A COLLECTION of the autographs of prominent philatelists is the latest, and our old friend E. J. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., is the father of the idea.

EDITOR MEKEEL is rusticating for the summer at Sherwood, N. Y. The profits of stamp dealing in St. Louis must be immense, or is it the publishing end of the business that foots the bills?

THE *Stamp Collector's Figaro* deals out blows right and left in the May number. It is always bright and interesting. If Vouté would persuade his printer to shove the cover plate a little to the right it would improve the appearance of the magazine somewhat.

SOME time since the publisher of the *Eastern Philatelist* announced that he would soon give a cut of a used "Cornell" stamp and prove to the world that the much-disputed stamp had been actually used for postage, even if for but one day. The May issue contains the cut, but Mr. Goodrich proves quite the contrary to what he had expected, and shows plainly that the stamp in question was never even offered to the public for sale, much less used on letters, and that it is simply a very interesting essay.

"HANOVER Samoa Tobago, Fiji," as the bearded lady remarked to the tattooed man in the dime museum.

THE *Eastern Philatelist* promises to appear in July with many improvements. It is good as it is, and hereafter we shall expect much more of it.

THE leading article in the *Collector's Ledger* for May is an illustrated one on "Early Postage in the United States." It is written by Editor Davison.

THE *Philatelic Gazette* proposes that arrangements be made so that members of the A. P. A. can be represented at the New York auction sales by the second assistant purchasing agent.

THE publisher of the *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal*, Halifax, Nova Scotia, asks authors who wish to have their productions printed in book form to communicate with him. Here is a chance for those of our fraternity who long for fame.

THE *P. J. of A.* states that the stamps of North Borneo are not issued by a government, but by the British North Borneo Company, who have their head office in London, and that the unsold and "cancelled to order specimens" commonly sold have never been in North Borneo.

OUR friends of the Staten Island Philatelic Society are enterprising, if nothing more. A recent communication, over the name of the secretary, states that "The Society will take proper steps to dispose of deceased members to the best advantage of the heirs." Going to cremate 'em, Doctor, or what?

THE *American Stamp Collectors' Directory*, announced some time since by Chas. A. Townsend, of Akron, Ohio, has promptly made its appearance and is a credit to its enterprising publisher. It contains a list of over 1250 collectors, in most instances giving the size of the collection, specialty, etc. It is a very valuable publication.

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THE *California Philatelist*, issued by E. F. Gambs, of San Francisco, as a price-list, contains quite an amount of interesting reading, but the editor must have swallowed a dictionary at some period in his existence. He spoke of his stock as being "unquestionably the most gigantic assortment," and of a recent addition to it as being "indisputably the finest, richest, and most stupendous accumulation," containing "innumerable early emissions, both precious and unique." He states that for many years he has "successfully and eminently catered to the stamp-collecting public." Oh, California! Great is thy Gambs!

A CHAPTER OF REPRINTS.

EXPENSIVE Sandwiches.—The first issue Honolulu stamps.

What stamp-issuing country has the largest appetite? Hungary.

You would naturally expect that post-office clerks would be greatly stuck up—they handle so many stamps during the day.

Two boys were in the post-office together. One of them, pointing to a small sign, said: "That's what I do when my mother boxes my ears—LETTER BOX!"

Old lady (sharply to boy in drug store)—"I've been waiting for some time to be waited on, boy."

Boy (meekly)—"Yes'um, wat kin I do for ye?"

Old lady—"I want a two-cent stamp."

Boy (anxious to please)—"Yes'um. Will you have it licked?"

Stranger (in drug store)—"You seem to carry an extensive line of goods."

Proprietor (affably)—"Yes, sir."

"I've been told that you are a reliable man to deal with."

"You will find everything just as represented, sir. What can I have the pleasure of doing for you?"

"I would like five cents worth of postal cards, and please wrap them up, sir."

Young man, take courage and remember that industry and economy lead to certain prominence. Ben Franklin was born a poor boy, and had no special talent for playing baseball, but his portrait now beautifies and adorns the new one-cent postage stamp.—*Boston Globe*.

M R. A. LOHMEYER, the enterprising Baltimore dealer, writes us that he intends making some change in his stamp business, the same having assumed such proportions that it is entirely beyond his ability to handle it in his leisure evening hours.

JOHN R. FINDLAY'S *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal* has at last appeared from Halifax, Nova Scotia. As the publisher says, "It has been a long time coming, but is here at last and always." The first number, which was mailed the last of May, bears date of July, and the publisher evidently intends to get a good start on old Father Time. It is a good paper and will merit success, and we doubt not receive it.

OUR ADVERTISERS.—That PLAIN TALK, with its constantly increasing circulation, is appreciated by live advertisers will be seen by a glance at our advertising columns. Although the months of July and August are considered "dull" months, we have been favored with many new contracts, and it will pay our readers to scan these announcements carefully for bargains.

Henry A. Reuss, of Paris, Texas, calls attention to a guessing contest he has inaugurated. In all our dealings with him, we have found Mr. Reuss a most honest and upright dealer, and one in whom collectors can place the utmost confidence.

The American Philatelic Co., of St. Louis, are also on deck with the announcement that they are prepared to meet the wants of the philatelic public. Read their ad.; they are reliable, and 'twill pay you.

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